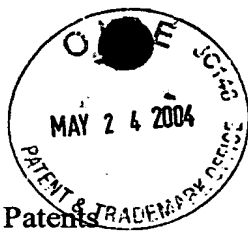


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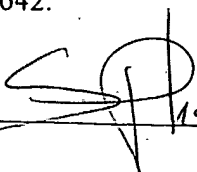
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09/531,769	03/21/2000	Donald Michael Vernon-Woods		7411

TITLE OF INVENTION: SPRAY APPLICATOR BELT HOOK

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the phone interview of 14 Oct. 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 (claims 3-7 renumbered).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald M. Vernon-Woods on 14 October 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

A **substitute Specification, Abstract** and four **Drawing Sheets** (see attached) each have been approved and entered.

All prior pending claims (1, 2) have been canceled.

The following Claims 3 through 7 have been entered:

3. A spray applicator belt hook for supporting an article onto a wearer's belt, the belt hook comprising:

C3 a belt retaining portion including a rear planar wall member having a free end and a first top end, a front planar wall member having a top end and a bottom end, and a bridge member having a planar resting surface; the bridge member integrally connecting to each of the top ends of the first and second wall members to parallelly space the first and second wall members from each other, the spacing between the rear wall member and the front wall member and the planar resting surface define an aperture for retaining the wearer's belt therethrough; and

an article supporting portion including a planar rest member and a planar rest guard, the planar rest member having an innermost joining portion and an outermost joining portion, the innermost joining portion being integrally joined to the bottom end of the front planar wall member and positioning the planar rest member at an acute angle measured from the planar resting surface of the bridge member, the planar rest guard integrally joined and extending from the outermost joining portion of the planar rest member, the rest guard positioned at a 90 degree angle to the planar rest member, the planar rest member and the rest guard for supporting the article thereto.

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3. 4. The belt hook according to claim 3, wherein the acute angle is 25 degrees.

cont. 63 3. 5. The belt hook according to claim 3, wherein the article intended for supporting is a spray bottle.

4. 6. The belt hook according to claim 3, wherein the free end of the planar rear wall member includes a protuberance for fitting beneath a bottom edge of the belt .

5. 7. The belt hook according to claim 3, wherein the belt hook is configured as a left handed spray applicator belt hook or a right handed spray applicator belt hook.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a spray applicator belt hook for supporting an article onto a wearer's belt, wherein the belt hook has the structural feature wherein the positioning of the planar rest member is at an acute angle measured from the planar resting surface of the bridge member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."



ROBERT J. SANDY
PRIMARY EXAMINER

ABSTRACT

A Spray Applicator Belt Hook for use in conjunction with spray applicator bottles. These bottles are usually of 500 mL or 1 L capacity; usually contain a chemical or liquid substance for use in cleaning, gardening or other duties whereby the belt hook allows the user to carry the spray bottle on their belt when not in use.

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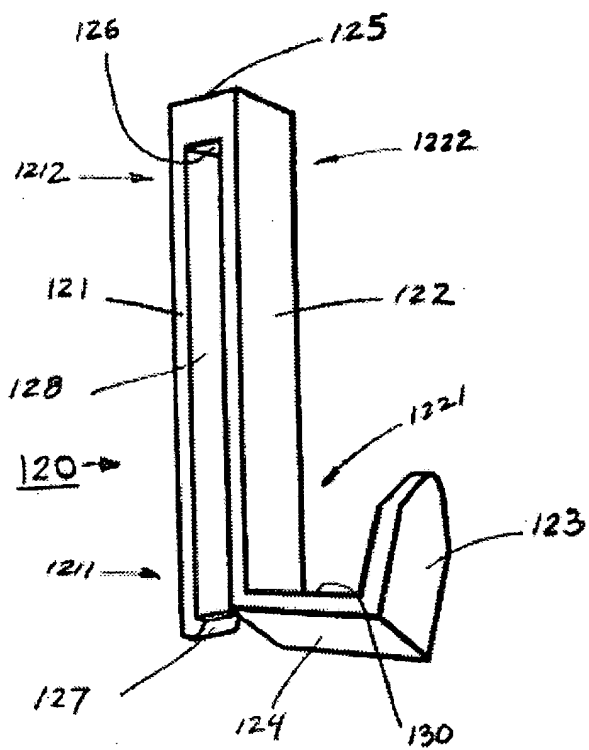
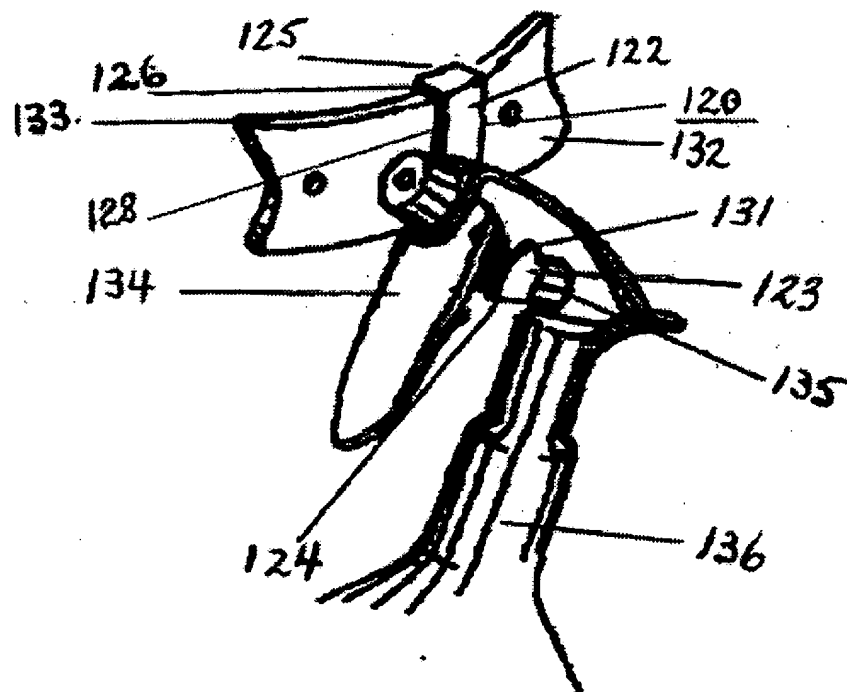


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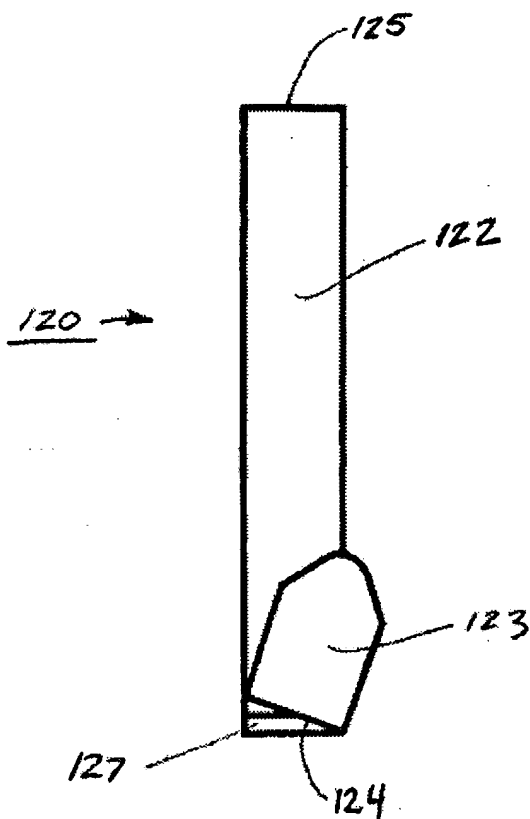


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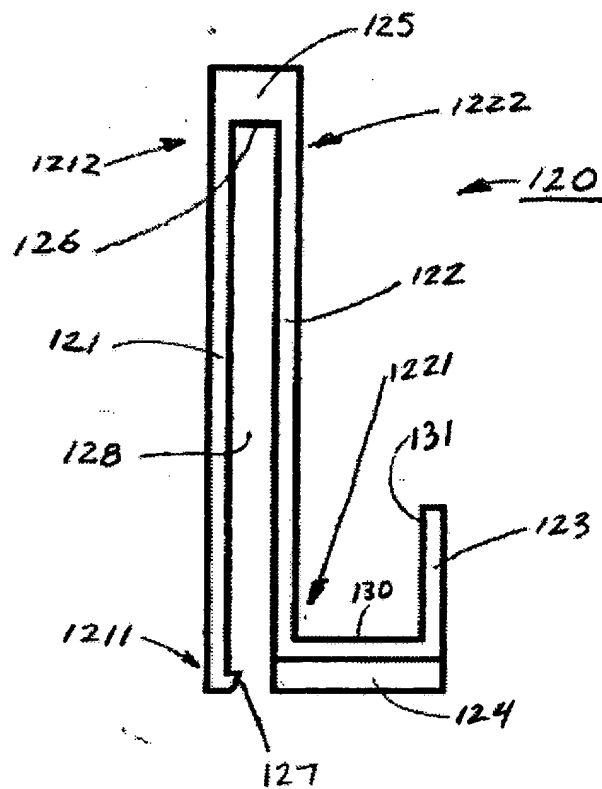


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